



S.N.A.I.L. News

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June 2018



SNAIL General Meeting Thursday, June 7th

Location: Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

Time: 7:00 p.m. – Look for the SNAIL sign

Partial list of agenda items:

- SNAIL Yard Sale, June 9th & 10th and Dumpster Day, June 9th

SNAIL typically meets on the first Thursday of the month. The rare exceptions are when the first Thursday is also the same date as a big holiday. All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

Mark Your Calendar Now:

7/5, 8/2, 9/6, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6



SNAIL 2018 Event Calendar

Date/Time	Event Name	Organizer
Sat/Sun, June 9-10 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	SNAIL Yard Sale 667 San Diego Ave.	Tarik Peterson (408) 745-1241
Sat, June 9 8 a.m. to ~2 p.m.	SNAIL Dumpster Day	Barry Boole (408) 739-1420

Message from the Chair

The SNAIL Monthly Meeting started with presentations by two representatives of the proposed Summit school on San Aleso, Leslie Eme and Norman Lopatin. Vice Mayor Larry Klein was in attendance, along with staff from the Planning Department. Also present were neighbors from the Ahwanee Garden apartments.

The presentation was followed by a prolonged question-and-answer period. The questions about the project were primarily about parking issues. The Ahwanee Garden residents already suffer a minor traffic jam in the morning and fear that it will get worse. The proposed twenty-foot parking elevator was criticised for its size, noise, and proximity to the wall.

Discussion continued after the snack break. A petition was introduced and will be circulated. Members will attend city meetings and report back.

The Yard Sale and Dumpster Day are on track, volunteers needed of course.

-Tarik Peterson, SNAIL Chair

SNAIL Annual Yard Sale – Call for Volunteers



Our Annual Yard Sale will be held the weekend of June 9-10, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. We need lots of people to help gather donations and run the sale. We also need a few people to help set up Friday evening. If you can help at any of those times, please call Bonnie Lloyd at (408) 747-1949.

HIGHLIGHTS OF SNAIL GENERAL MEETING – MAY

Summit Denali Charter School Speakers: This was a presentation describing the charter school proposed on San Aleso. The mission of this school is to reflect the diversity of Sunnyvale, to focus on persistence and cognitive skills and to develop individual uniqueness with the skills to contribute to society. Of those graduating, 100% will have college skills with 99% continuing on to college. The ideal site will be around residential and commercial neighborhoods. This is a charter public school, not a private school. Students are chosen through a blind lottery. The size of the property is 25,000 square feet. The building will be held to the highest seismic standards because schools are a refuge in an emergency. This is currently in the very preliminary stages. After the traffic study, a proposal will be made. Neighbors will be notified before the public hearing. There will be a neighborhood outreach meeting before the hearing.

Reactions to the Summit Denali School Proposal: Over 30 people attended this meeting specifically to hear about the proposed school. Parking at the site was the biggest concern. An apartment manager stated parking was such a big problem for residents that many have been parking on Borregas and at the Guadalajara Market. One-third of the remaining parking may be lost. There are only two ways in and out of the street. Although a ten-foot wall is proposed, noise and privacy was an issue for many. There is considerable construction already in process San Aleso; traffic will be even worse than it is now. Many concerns were directed toward the students, but it was decided this was another issue entirely.

SNAIL Yard Sale/Dumpster Day: The yard sale will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 9-10th at Tarik's house, 667 San Diego Ave. Items can be dropped off up to a week before the sale. Dumpster day will be for one day only on Saturday, June 9th.

For full minutes, please visit the SNAILorg Yahoo Group website:

<http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg>

-Minutes taken by June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary

The publication of our newsletter and SNAIL Neighborhood Association sponsored activities are supported through our annual yard sale, newsletter sponsors and donations.

IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL S.N.A.I.L. YARD SALE and DUMPSTER DAY!!



Yard Sale: June 9th-10th, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Volunteers Needed: We are short several regular volunteers to help out at the yard sale. If you can spare a few hours, please call Bonnie at 408-747-1949.

Important Message for Our Yard Sale Enthusiasts: Items for sale are being dropped off throughout the weekend; please stop by as often as you can to browse the latest arrivals!

S.N.A.I.L. YARD SALE INFORMATION

1. Please bring small items to 667 San Diego Ave. Items can be dropped off up to a week before the sale. Bring items June 9th between 7am – 4pm.
2. Yard sale questions? Call Tarik at 408-745-1241 or June at 408-497-0827.

Bring your old prescription eyeglasses for the Lions Club. There will be a collection box at the SNAIL register table or you can bring them to the next SNAIL monthly meeting.

Cash proceeds from the yard sale will go 100% to support SNAIL activities for the coming year.



Dumpster Day: June 9th, 8 a.m. to ~2 p.m.

TRIM THE SHRUBS AND TREES AND THROW OUT THAT JUNK YOU'VE BEEN STORING IN YOUR GARAGE FOREVER!!

SNAIL Contact: Barry Boole (408) 739-1420

The City of Sunnyvale **prohibits** the following items in the dumpsters:

- Fluorescent tubes
- Refrigerators
- Air Conditioners
- Construction debris
- Batteries
- Chemicals
- Fuel or Oil
- Business waste
- Computers
- Paints
- Auto parts
- Electronics



Prohibited

Questions? Call Sunnyvale Recycling Center (408) 730-7262 for proper handling.

Please **donate children's books** for Columbia Neighborhood Center programs. A drop box will be at each dumpster.



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| 1. 284 W. Eaglewood | 3. 646 San Diego | 5. 396 N. Fernwood |
| 2. 782 Madrone | 4. 574 N. Bayview | 6. 463 Glendale |



Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) News

For current information on programs, call CNC at (408) 730-7800 or email CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov or visit our new webpage at: <http://tinyurl.com/SVCNC>

Youth Drop-in Gym: CNC Gym —Improve your game. Affordable prices (\$.50 residents, \$1 non-residents) and convenient times: basketball on Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m., and Fridays, 7 to 10 p.m. Indoor soccer on Saturdays, 7 to 10 p.m. Middle school and high school students only. Bring school ID.

Flick at Night at Columbia Park: Friday, June 15th. Families are invited to watch a free screening of *Wonder*. Bring a blanket or a chair and arrive around 7:45 p.m. Movie starts at sunset.

Summer StoryWalk®: Thursday, June 7th, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Murphy Park, 194 N. Sunnyvale Ave. Families with children of all ages are invited to take a stroll through the park and discover the pages of *Over in the Forest: Come and Take a Peek* by Marianne Berkes along the way. *The StoryWalk® Project was created by Ann Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*

Free Drop-In Energy Clinic: Saturday, June 2nd at CNC. Attend a free energy clinic to learn how to: understand your energy bill with help from a Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) expert and sign up for a free City-sponsored energy-saving program and enter a drawing to win a free Nest learning thermostat. Just bring your PG&E bill and your PG&E username and password (if you have one). Drop in any time during the clinic hours of 9:30 a.m. to noon for assistance.

Free Legal Clinic: Saturday, June 2nd at CNC, 10 a.m. to noon. Receive a 20-minute consultation on legal matters by licensed attorneys offered by South Asian Bar Association of Northern California (SABA-NC). No appointments. Customers are attended to on a first come, first served basis.

Free Maker Space Fun at CNC—Register Now: July 9-13, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at CNC. Youth ages 9-12 will design and create their own interactive media and projects; learn about physics, circuitry, etc., and work on a different project each day. Program is free and registration is required in person at CNC.

Summer Teen Fitness Challenge—Register Now: Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 10 through Aug. 2, 3 to 5 p.m. at CNC, 785 Morse Ave. Sunnyvale teens ages 11 to 18 are invited to take a 4-week summer challenge. Work with a personal trainer to build strength, coordination and endurance, then learn to cook health foods by doing hands-on cooking with certified nutritionist. Registration and \$20 cash deposit is required. Attend all four weeks with one absence or less and deposit is returned. Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Register (in person only) at CNC.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager

Solar Panels Installed in SNAIL Home



For years, our family has wanted to ‘go solar,’ and though it made sense for the environment, it didn’t make sense for our wallets. Even with the 30% Federal Tax Credit, our low electricity use (2300 kWh/year) meant that our return on investment would take over 15 years!

But in September 2017, we installed eight solar panels and, nine months later, we want to share our experience with others who are thinking about the switch, too.

What made us take the leap? We found SunWork (www.sunwork.com), a Milpitas-based non-profit which uses volunteers to help families with low electric bills install solar panels. We had a 2.28 kW system installed, and it only took one weekend. We estimated that this would completely offset our electricity usage, and so far it has! It’s also been fun to track our electricity production. It took us 150 days to generate 1,000 kWh, and that was during the winter! We estimate that we’ll break even within 7 years, but we’re already happy that we decided to make the switch.

SunWork trains its volunteer installers, who come from all sorts of backgrounds. In fact, we’ve signed up for their next session in April. Hopefully we’ll see some SNAIL residents there!

-Roshan Baliga and Nenuca Syquia

[Note: We did not receive a discount or compensation from SunWork for writing this article.]

Plant Your Own Herb Garden



Think about planting an herb garden to add flavor to your cooking. You can add herbs – such as basil or dill – when preparing meals. Growing herbs does not take a lot of time or space, but can have such a large impact on your goals for healthy eating/cooking. If you want to add color to your salad, then consider growing nasturtium flowers. For those who think they do not enjoy eating vegetables yet, herbs and edible flowers can be a great tool to help add flavor to your dishes. Take advantage of the change in weather to make a small – but impactful – change to your lifestyle and diet (not to mention, the herb garden will add some beauty to your outside space).

-Leah Groppo, RD, CDE

Neighborhood Street Sweeping Schedule

Our streets are generally swept every two weeks on the day following your trash pickup. If possible, please move your car off the street on street sweeping days. This month, the street sweeping schedule is:



East SNAIL Neighborhood	Tuesday, Jun. 5, 19
West SNAIL Neighborhood	Wednesday, Jun. 6, 20

July Newsletter Deadline

All SNAIL neighbors are invited to submit articles of interest to be published in our monthly newsletter. The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the next SNAIL monthly newsletter is Saturday, June 16th. Send an email to SNAILeditor@snail.org.

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